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2. Resolved that *ex gratia* pensions should be granted in cases where the grant of such pensions would have been premissable under Section 14 of the Pensions' Ordinance, 1932 and Regulation 14 made under the Police Force Ordinance, 1932, if the words "or who having" be retained in the Far Eastern area during the period of the Japanese invasion and occupation dies before being passed fit for service in the Colony and before being retired on pension when death was directly attributable or aggravated by the circumstances of such detention and without his own default," appeared between the words and cyphers "duties," and the words "pension" in the sixth line of both Sub-section (1) of Section 14 of the Pensions Ordinance and paragraph (1) of Regulation 14 made under the Police Force Ordinance, 1932.

Shanghai, Mar. 12.—The Central News Agency today quoted General Tu Yu-min, Commander-in-Chief of the Nationalist troops in Manchuria, as stating that all waterworks and electricity plants, factories and other installations in Dairen, having recently been destroyed by the Communists.—Reuter.

The Attorney-General, at this afternoon's Legislative Council Meeting, will move the second and third readings of a Bill "to impose a tax in respect of payment for admission to theatres, restaurants and a tax on food sold and consumed in public dance-halls" and of a Bill amending the Juvenile Offenders Ordinance.

— cency of ten milling cutters from
H.M. Dockyard. Insp. Brown
prosecuted.

A Verdict of "Death by adventure" was returned by the Coroner.

or jumped out of the window to the compound. I fired one more shot and the intruder

returned. After further evidence had been given by other prosecution witnesses, hearing was adjourned until this morning.

cloth. The Revenue Officer opened the cases and found cotton yarn inside.

I think based upon two issues. First, a question of principle; the imposition of a new and far-reaching fiscal measure by the Home Government, without local approval, at the very time when that Government is making much capital out of the extension of a larger measure of autonomy to Hong Kong. Secondly, the question

I am, etc.
FIAT JUSTITIA.

Paul Gordon, A. Delmonico, Mr. and Mrs. Brothers, Miss Eva Sokol, Miss Gilm. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Smith, Gen. W. Link, C. Sokolow, Flying Officer U.A. Hoot

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prosecution witnesses, hearing
adjourned until this morning.

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POLICE LAUNCH TRAGEDY

Seizure On Taiping

Sydney, Mar. 12. Australian Customs officials seized tens of thousands of American cigarettes and other undeclared dutiable goods from the liner "Taiping" on its arrival in Australia from Hong Kong and Kure.

At the North Queensland port of Cairns, Customs took possession of 4,000 cigarettes, 45 strings of pearls and 100 gold fishing lines. At Sydney, investigators made two raids on the vessel, grabbed 45,000 American cigarettes, 18 strings of pearls, silk pyjamas and scarves. They had been declared dutiable goods when the liner berthed.

Customs men said they believed members of the crew had planned to smuggle the contraband ashore. American cigarettes bring around 43 Australian a carton of 200 on the Australian black market—Associated Press.

Departure From Rule

At this afternoon's meeting of the Legislative Council, the Attorney-General will move the first reading of a Bill "to enable capital punishment to be imposed in certain circumstances on persons taking part in armed robbery or assault with intent to rob where the death of a human being takes place in connection with the commission of such offence."

In view of the fact that the Bill calls for a departure from an established rule of law to meet special circumstances, it is provided that, upon enactment and bringing into force by Proclamation, the Bill shall continue in force for one year only and thereafter expire, unless extended by resolution of the Legislative Council.

The Attorney-General will also move the first reading of a Bill "to amend the Ordinance, 1936, which includes stopping on the line for illegal transmitters, from \$1,000 to \$5,000 or a year's imprisonment, or (on conviction on indictment) to a fine of \$10,000 or three years."

DAYLIGHT ARMED ROBBERY

A bold daylight robbery was carried out by three armed men who broke into the residence of Dr. Kuo at No. 70a Wanching Road, first floor, at 3 a.m. yesterday and decamped with \$1,400 in cash and two gold rings. Armed with two revolvers and one dagger, the gangsters gained entrance through the back door and tied up and gagged the inmates.

MACAO POST

Macao, March 11. Mr. Leo Wille-Schick, Macao agent for the British American Tobacco Co., has been elected as the Representative of the Chinese Community and an unofficial Member of the Legislative Council of Macao.

A son of the late Leo Lim-yok, who was a Grand Officer of the Order of Christ, and a well-known philanthropist, Mr. Leo now occupies the seat held by his father twenty-five years ago and was the recipient of congratulations from a large circle of friends.—Our Own Correspondent.

"JANE"

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FRITZ, DARLING!—BUT HOW ON EARTH—?

HE'S GOT MORE GUMPTION THAN HIS MISTRESS, JANE!—YOU ALREADY HAD MY ADDRESS, BUT FRITZ SMELT ME OUT!—I SHALL HAVE TO TAKE HIM INTO PARTNERSHIP...

BOOTS AND HER BUDDIES

CAN YOU DOPE THEM, GUY? DAVEY I WELL IT'S ALL PAST STRANGE FOR YOUR MOTHER, TOO! NOT SO LONG AGO SHE WROTE THAT SHE WAS IN A PLANT, GUZZLE WAW UP IN THE SKY!

AND WHAT DO YOU THINK HAPPENED? SHE WAS A MZ. RUSSELL, DOWN HERE, AND THEY GOT MARRIED, AND SHE WROTE SOON THEY HAD A BABY! OH, SURE, SURE, NAMED DAVEY!

I HOPE HE DOESN'T GET SICK, LIKE HIS MOTHER WAS ON HER FIRST TRY, THOUGH!

OH, NOW, DON'T FEEL THAT WAY, DAVEY! I'VE BEEN TRYING TO HIT HER, HE SAYS!

WAW-AR

Review for Davey

WAW-AR

By EDGAR MARTIN

WAW-AR

Coxswain's Story At Inquiry

The harbour collision on Monday morning between the "Taiposhan" and Police Launch No. 16 off Holt's Wharf, when the latter capsized with the loss of three lives, was the subject of a Marine Court of Enquiry yesterday.

The evidence revealed that the launch was hit only five feet astern, so that a difference of a split second might possibly have averted the tragedy.

One remarkable feature was that the coxswain of the launch, according to his evidence, did not see the "Taiposhan" at all, and the first inkling he had of anything amiss was after he had run the launch under the steamer's bow.

The evidence of the captain, chief officer and other members of the crew of the "Taiposhan" was that the launch ran straight towards her, and closed in so suddenly that there was no possibility of the "Taiposhan" avoiding the collision.

The Court comprised the Harbour Master, Mr. J. Jolly, C.B.E., as President, and Lt. Comdr. T. D. Herriek, D.S.C., and Mr. R. N. and Captain William Lumsden as members. Mr. J. T. Prior was for the Tai On Steam Navigation Company, and the master, Captain D.R. Durup, while Mr. A. Pittendrig, Senior Superintendent of Water Police, represented the Police.

Visibility Good

The first witness, Captain J. R. Durup, master of the s.s. "Taiposhan," told the Court that he entered port from the East about 3.35 a.m. Nearing the Star Ferry, he saw a moving craft less than a mile away, closing in. He paid no particular attention to her side lights because he could see distinctly the craft which he identified as a Police launch of the usual type, there being bright moonlight and visibility was good.

As the launch drew nearer, he was under the impression she wanted to halt the "Taiposhan," and he paid no particular notice to her movements. He altered course to starboard a little to star clear of a wreck. When the launch was about 30 yards away he saw her green light and suddenly he realized the danger ahead, he ordered the Chief Officer, who was by his side on the bridge, to sound a warning whistle. The launch continued on her course and seemed to put on speed, and in a matter of seconds she went under the bow of the "Taiposhan." He heard the impact and rushed over to the starboard side from where he saw the launch, keel up, drifting away. The ship was stopped and a lifeboat was about to be lowered to pick up survivors when he saw another launch, evidently attracted by calls for help, coming towards the wrecked Police launch, near which he saw the movement of people.

Sudden

Captain Durup ordered the standstill at 4.59 a.m. No alteration of course was made in connection with the collision, and he did not order the ship to go astern; so sudden was the closing in that any such step would have been of no avail. The "Taiposhan" was displaying full navigation lights, and all look-out men were at their stations.

He was of opinion that when the whistle was blown there was still time for the launch to avoid the collision.

The "Taiposhan" was proceeding towards the Quarantine Anchorage at about seven or eight knots, under reduced revolutions. Her best speed was 10.5 knots. The hull of the ship was black; a new coat of white paint had been put on the superstructure only last trip.

Next witness, the Chief Officer of the "Taiposhan," Mr. H. Clark, said he held a master's certificate of competency. On the morning of the collision he was on the bridge with the captain. He noticed a launch some distance on the port side, steaming generally in the direction of the anchorage on the "Taiposhan." When she was 150 to 200 yards away he identified the craft as a police launch, and he said to Captain Durup: "Is she going to board us?" to which the Captain replied: "I expect she will turn to the anchorage."

When the launch was about 40 feet off the "Taiposhan's" port bow, her green light started to show. A whistle was at once sounded and the engine stopped. The launch came straight in without altering its direction, and under the bows of the "Taiposhan." The impact felt was slight, and he remarked to the Captain: "That wasn't a heavy blow," but the next moment the launch, upside down, was seen passing down the starboard side.

Converging

Asked by the Court whether the "Taiposhan" had changed course, Mr. Clark said it had not. All along he had the impression that the launch was boarding the "Taiposhan." He could not say the exact direction the launch was going but she was definitely converging on the "Taiposhan." It was a matter of seconds before the launch was under the bows of the "Taiposhan." The impact felt was slight, and he remarked to the Captain: "That wasn't a heavy blow," but the next moment the launch, upside down, was seen passing down the starboard side.

Cheung Hoi, boatswain, said he was at the fore's head when, off Holt's Wharf, he saw a launch steering a steady course towards the "Taiposhan." When first seen, she was about 300 feet away, and had mushroom lights and a green light on. He leaned over the port bow and shouted a warning to the launch, but this was unheeded.

Wong Ping, quartermaster, said he was at the wheel and did not see the launch. He heard the warning whistle and the subsequent impact. One or two minutes before the whistle, he had an order from the Captain to alter to starboard a little, and he altered about a quarter of a point.

Did Not See Ship

On the Court resuming in the afternoon, Hui Hui, coxswain on duty on Police Launch No. 16 at the time of the collision, was subjected to close examination by the President and Mr. Prior.

Hui gave a certificated coxswain said he took over the wheel at 3 a.m. At 4.30 a.m. the launch was at Shaokwan, and the late Sub-Inspector Zarembo gave an order to proceed to Tsimshatsui. He started to cross over from the Hong Kong side in the vicinity of the Power Station at North Point and headed for Holt's Wharf, the intention being to see the signal over the Water Police Station, and not to land. About 100 yards

away from Holt's Wharf he was just about to alter course, for Kennedy Town when a big ship hit the launch. He had not seen it before—in fact he had not seen any other craft in the vicinity—and had heard no whistle. He did not know what part of the launch was struck. The launch turned over, and he felt his way out through the door.

Until the collision he kept a straight course after leaving North Point. His view from the wheel house was good except all, but there was a look-out man stationed at the stern. However, this man's duty was not entirely navigational.

Did Not Hear

Fung Kai, another coxswain on the Police launch, said he handed over the wheel at 3 a.m., and when the collision occurred was down in the crew's quarters. He was not asleep. He did not hear any whistle. After the launch capsized, he saved himself by diving out through the hatch.

The launch was steady and easy to steer, though the engine was noisy. The view from the wheel-house was reasonably good except aft.

Cheung Kwai, seaman, said he was the look-out man on the Police launch on the morning of the tragedy. He went on duty at 11 a.m., but he was facing stern all the time. He saw no ship, and heard no whistle.

"Were you asleep?" He was asked by Mr. Prior. "You look rather sick," Withers replied. He was sick after the collision but he was quite all right on Monday morning.

Evidence was then given by Fung Kan, coxswain of the steam launch "Yan Sang." He said that at about 5 a.m. on March 10 he was in the vicinity of Wanchai when his attention was attracted by the cry of "Save Life" from the direction of Holt's Wharf. He put on speed and about 300 to 400 yards away from Holt's Wharf found a capsized launch. He picked up three men from the water. When he got to the side of the "Taiposhan," he noticed that a lifeboat was about to be lowered, and saw her stern light on.

The Damage

W. Sprague, surveyor of ships, Harbour Department, who inspected the Police launch after she was raised, said the material damage was slight. The fenders near the stern on the starboard side appeared to have been struck. The starboard bilge had been scored; and there were other marks about which he was unable to express an opinion on how they were caused. The launch had been struck about 6 feet from the stern.

He had inspected the stem of the "Taiposhan" above the water line and found nothing unusual. Inspector May, Water Police, told the Court that the coxswain was solely responsible for navigation.

The men who lost their lives were Sub-Inspector Alexander Paul Zarembo, Chinese Engineer Chuang Heng, and Chinese Stoker Ngai Fo-tun. The bodies of the two Chinese had been recovered from the engine room, but that of Sub-Inspector Zarembo was still missing.

The Court then adjourned to 2.30 p.m. on Friday, for the finding.

The s.s. "Taiposhan" left yesterday afternoon with a new crew for Swatow and Bangkok. Wong Kum-sui, look-out man, said he was "right forward." He saw a launch crossing from the direction of Causeway Bay. She was about 300 feet away, and had her masthead light and green light burning. Right up to the collision, she made no alteration of course; and when he noticed the danger he informed the bridge.

Lee Shi-fook, second engineer, said the "Taiposhan" was proceeding at 70 revolutions, against the full speed of 82 revolutions. The standstill was given at 4.37 a.m. and the stop order at 4.59. He did not feel the impact.

Hong Kong Boy Makes Good

Austin, Tex. Mar. 12. Freshman English is the nemesis of many young Texas students. But it was no problem for Shao Chang-yin, University of Texas student from Hong Kong.

He made an "A" (the highest possible grade) in it. The 24-year-old Chinese, who is studying mechanical engineering, began to learn English at the age of eight. By 1945 he spoke it so well the U.S. War Department called upon him as an interpreter for Chinese Air Corps flyers stationed in the United States.

He was stationed at Bergstrom field in Austin. When his work was completed he enrolled at the University there. He approves of the informality of the classes.

"We would never think of interrupting our teacher in China to ask a question during the class period, but over here, it is a common thing to do," he said. "I like it very much."

After completing his mechanical engineering course, he plans to study ceramics. Before coming to the United States he served in the Chinese Foreign Affairs Bureau and previously was a student at the University of Hong Kong.—Associated Press.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Fifty-fourth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Company's Office, 4th floor, P. & O. Building, on Thursday, the 20th day of March 1947 at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the period 1st September 1946 to 31st December 1946, and to elect Directors and appoint Auditors.

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The TRANSFER BOOK of the Company will be CLOSED from the 15th to the 28th March, 1947, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,

WONG WOON NAM
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 10th March, 1947.

NOTICE THE CHINA COAST NAVIGATING AND ENGINEER OFFICERS' GUILD.

Members and Friends are invited to meet at the Gloucester (top floor) at 5.30 P.M. on FRIDAY 14th to bid farewell to Mr. JOHN WATSON.

THE COMMITTEE.
Hong Kong, 12th March, 1947.

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H. A. DE BARROS BOTELHO,
Acting Registrar.

Hong Kong, 12th March, 1947.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB NOTICE

THIRD EXTRA RACE MEETING, 1947

The Meeting advertised for Saturday, 8th March, 1947, has been postponed until Saturday, 15th March, 1947.

All previous arrangements as to Time and Entries, together with Admission Tickets and Cash Sweep Tickets, including Through chances already booked will hold good for that date.

DECLARATIONS

Owners are notified that all starting declarations are cancelled. Ponies starting on Saturday, 15th March, will require to be declared in the usual manner.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Fourth Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 22nd March 1947 (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building; the Club House, Happy Valley; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

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J. JOLLY,
Harbour Master.

Harbour Department,
Hong Kong, 11th March, 1947.

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time the White Paper now being

debated in the House of Com-

mons, leaves little or nothing to

be desired. The battle in Parlia-

ment is concerned with the trans-

lation of principle into action and

here the Opposition contends, it

falls away lamentably. Of the

many sound precepts it proclaims

there is indeed scarcely one which

the Government are not omitting

to implement. First things, we

are told for example, must come

first, and the White Paper does

not mince words as to what are

the first things for 1947. They

are the realisation of a whole

series of targets for exports, pro-

duction, man-power, most of

which are acknowledged to be

difficult and some almost im-

possible of attainment. Is it not

manifest that the whole energies

of the Government and nation

ought to be bent on these im-

mediate objectives instead of being

frustrated away on grandiose na-

tionalisation schemes?

Again, the White Paper has

much admirable matter about the

urgency of restoring and expand-

ing Britain's capital equipment,

especially in view of the critical

dollar situation. Yet out of an

import programme of \$1,450,000,000

for 1947 only \$69,000,000 is

allocated to machinery and equip-

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there is reason to believe that

one-third is accounted for by the

ships. This compares with

\$20,000,000 to be spent on to-

bacco and \$18,000,000 on films.

Can a struggling country really

afford \$68,000,000 on tobacco

and films (the bulk of them to be

purchased with precious dollars)

when it can only spare \$40,000,

000 for machinery and equipment

other than ships? One consequence

of the policy of "tobacco before

machinery" is that capital equip-

ment and maintenance (other

than work on houses) is to ex-

ceed that of a normal pre-war

year by only 15 per cent, despite

the enormous wartime arrears to

be made up. On manpower short-

age, which is a continuous refrain

throughout the White Paper, it

is found that the public service

is absorbing 665,000 more people

than before the war and that the

excess is to be reduced by only

80,000 during the year. Can such

an army of public servants and

bureaucrats be pulling their

weight? Then it seems that

160,000 more juveniles could be

gained for industry by the pos-

tponement for a few months of

the raising of the school-leaving age.

Refusal to postpone it is an ex-

cellent instance of the danger (in

NEW WEAPONS
AGAINST DISEASE

Many and very important advances have taken place in Anaesthesia during the war years. The greatest of them is probably the tremendous increase in the number of specially trained anaesthetists. The problems which anaesthesia involves can only be tackled, and the new drugs produced by the chemists can only be accurately evaluated, by those with special training, knowledge and experience. Surgeons have learned that most of the post-operative complications and deaths which have always been a major hazard of surgery, were due,

By DR. B.R.M. JOHNSON, M.R.C.P.

not to their disturbance of the normal anatomy, but often to the disturbances of the normal physiology produced by the anaesthetic. They also know that they can only obtain proper access to certain parts of the body, such as the upper abdominal cavity, the heart, and the lungs when the anaesthetic is administered by someone with special training and experience. The Royal College of Surgeons of England, realising all this, has created a Diploma in Anaesthesia which is given to those who can show that they have had special training and, by examination, can satisfy the College that they have an extensive scientific knowledge of the subject. Oxford University has created the first Department of Anaesthetics to be set up in Europe, with a Professor of Anaesthetics at the head. The activities of this department are devoted solely to research in anaesthesia, and all its associated sciences, and to post-graduate teaching.

And so today in England the surgeon no longer has to rely for his Anaesthesia on someone who has not been specially trained, and the patient places his life in the hands of one fully competent to steer him safely through the operation, and to render his immediate post-operative state far less stormy and hazardous than used to be the case. Since practically all anaesthetics are now administered by skilled men, the anaesthetist is not nowadays anaesthetised by hand on an open face-mask, where the amount of anaesthetic the patient absorbs depends on the depth of his respirations, the temperature of the room, and the amount and frequency of the applications of the drugs to the mask. All inhalation anaesthetics are administered now through scientifically designed machines, so that a very accurate control of the percentage of drugs in use can be maintained unaffected by any factor except the decision of the anaesthetist. So accurate and reliable are these machines that anaesthetists can, and do, administer cyclo-propane, a comparatively new gaseous anaesthetic, similar to nitrous oxide—"laughing gas"—but more potent, in such concentrations that natural respiration is stopped and the anaesthetist artificially controls the rate and depth of the patient's breathing. This procedure has made possible those operations upon the heart, the great blood vessels within the chest, and upon the lungs themselves. Another important and valuable advance is the development of injection into the patient's vein of the barbiturate group of narcotic drugs as a means of inducing anaesthesia. There are many preparations made for this purpose, the commonest and most popular being called pentothal. From the patient's point of view this type of anaesthesia is a great boon, for there is no necessity for them to have a mask over their face. All the patient knows is a prick in the arm, for so rapid is the onset of unconsciousness that he has no sensation of going to sleep, and wakes with no vomiting or reticence.

The Barbiturates These drugs are always used as a means of inducing anaesthesia if the patient is to be kept anaesthetised by some inhaled anaesthetic. The barbiturates are also frequently used as the sole anaesthetic, particularly for operations of short duration. For one who is practised in their use, they may even be used as the sole anaesthetic in prolonged major operations. Another common use to which they are put is to administer intermittent doses, intravenously, during the course of an operation, in which the main anaesthetic is

given by inhalation. By this means the concentration of the inhaled drugs can be very considerably reduced, with resulting benefit to the patient. Much progress has also been made in recent years, and much research is still being carried out for the relief of pain in childbirth. Machines have been designed which will administer to the patient at the patient's will, a fixed concentration of nitrous oxide mixed with oxygen. These machines are not only used in hospitals and institutions, but small portable models are made so that the midwife can carry them to the patient's home. This technique, while it does not completely abolish all the pain of childbirth in all cases, does so in about 75% of the cases, and gives some considerable relief in the remainder. Researches are, at the moment being carried out for the injection of certain drugs into the lower part of the spine (What is called a caudal block) and for the use of novocaine injected into a vein, for it is felt that by one of these methods it will be possible to ensure complete absence of the pains of labour.

South American Drug

The drug most recently applied to anaesthesia is some preparation of curare. This drug, known to scientists for many years, is what South American Indians use on their poisoned arrows. The chemists have now prepared refined and purified form of this drug, and anaesthetists use it, in- travenously in order to produce relaxation of the muscles. Such relaxation, which is absolutely necessary for abdominal surgery, can otherwise only be induced by high concentrations of the inhalation anaesthetics, or large doses of the barbiturates, so that the use of curare, although it is itself not an anaesthetic, but only an agent for paralyzing the muscles, makes it necessary only to administer sufficient general anaesthetic to ensure the patient is not conscious of pain.

These two extremely important advances for the advancement of the general health of the people of Britain, it is a noticeable fact that the old fear of surgery has practically passed away, and patients now quite readily submit to operations, so that today one never sees the enormous tumours and advanced states of diseases which were so common a few years ago. From the purely scientific point of view, these advances have very considerably added to the possibilities of surgery.

Certainty Operations can now be performed with the absolute certainty that the patient will recover fully and not merely scrape through the difficulties and sufferings of a stormy convalescence after his operation. There is no age limit to surgery today; the days when doctors said a patient was too young or too old to be operated on are past. Nor is there

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"But my correspondence course in building a dominant personality ain't doing me any good—my wife opens and reads it first!"

Social Upheaval In Britain Threatens

Many British religious leaders fear that Britain faces a crisis in morals as grave as her crisis in fuel. Skyrocketing divorce and crime rates, falling church attendance and the rise of vice in London's fashionable West End worry churchmen as much as declining production figures, bargains, industrialists and Cabinet Ministers.

By JACK S. SMITH

of families, and darkened more homes in the social upheaval that followed the war. "Britain's two main problems," said Cardinal Griffin, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Westminster, on the eve of the power switch-off, "are a decline in moral standards and an increase in crime." Clergymen and newspapers fret over prostitution—more than 2,000 in the West End alone—and over a rise in the number of cases involving cruelty to children. One home where parents mistreated small children was described in court as "a Belsen camp all over again."

Britain's highest judicial figure, Lord Jowitt, the Lord Chancellor, estimated that 50,000 divorces are now being granted each year, a figure which is expected to rise to 100,000 by 1950. The time factor no longer limits the possibility of operations. Two hours is quite a common time for the performance of many major operations, while operations on the brain frequently take eight to ten hours.

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay

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END REMOTE RISKS TOO

To gain the best possible results in the long run, you must protect yourself against not only the probable dangers, but also the improbable ones, when you can. In a choice between protection from two different risks, naturally the thing to do is provide for what is really most likely. But sometimes you can guard yourself against both kinds of hazards, and the player who does not takes many a bump which he attributes to hard luck.

S. A K Q J 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 A
H. 8 4 4
D. A K 6
C. A

S. 9 8 7 4 2 N 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 A
H. Q 9 8 5 W E H K 10 2
D. J 7 S 4 4 3
C. J 5 S C A Q 8
C A 2

S. None
H. A J 7 3
D. Q 10 9 8 5 2
C. K 10 7 3

Dealer: North. Both sides vulnerable.
North East South West
2-S Pass 3-D Pass
3-S Pass 4-S Pass
6-D

Kinda, sorta, funny bidding. Yet South should have made his slam anyway. The club I lead was won by the A, and East returned the heart K to the A. South cleared trump with Q, J, and A, then began to run spades,

hoping to discard all his losers. But the bad break of the suit limited his discards to three hearts and one club, so he had to lose a club at the end and be set. "My proverbial luck!" he exclaimed. "A seven-card suit headed by four trumps should break every time for anyone else."

It would break for a more careful, thoughtful and sounder player. After scoring one diamond honour in the dummy, he would lead a low spade and ruff it. That would have made his contract alright against any spade division except all six in one hand. He could have afforded that, as he did not require seven discards to make his contract. Six would have been enough.

Tomorrow's Problem

S. K J 10 8 0 2
H. K 10 0 5
D. A K
C. 5

S. A
H. 8 4 2
D. Q 10 9 8 5 2
C. K 8 7

S. None
H. A Q 8 5
D. 7 6 4 2
C. A Q 9 2

Dealer: North. Neither side vulnerable.
If North bid 1-spade, South would have won the last three days and was, thus, allowed time for a reply. —Reuter.

TRIP TO THE MOON

By PROF. A. M. LOW

London, Mar. 6. Pioneers wearing suits designed to give protection against intense heat and cold and carrying their own oxygen supplies, started in a giant space-ship, navigated by radar and driven by atomic energy travelling at thousands of miles an hour—that is how Professor A. M. Low, Past President of the British Inter-Planetary Society, says the first trip to the moon being accomplished within the next 40 or 50 years.

He said in an interview: "The first useful experiment in this direction undoubtedly will be the American 'rocket postal service' between the United States and Britain. If you can travel from America to Britain by rocket, you can certainly travel to the moon. Hundreds of thousands of people will almost certainly be killed in the first attempts at inter-planetary travel, but if as much money were spent in designing space-ships as has been spent on designing weapons of war, a safe method of making the journey would no doubt be found in time."

"A space-ship could be designed but it will not be built now because it is quite beyond the means of any private society, and because it has no immediate financial return. Indeed, the only valuable asset such a trip would have would be the film rights and for that reason it is quite possible the very first trip to the moon will be made by nothing more than a camera in a specially designed space-ship which will fly over the planet and return to earth."

"When, however, the first people do land on the moon they are likely to find no life there—animal or human. They may not even find vegetable life. What will they find?"

Nightmare

"A nightmare landscape of nothing but crude rock and lava. On the other hand it might be to their advantage to take samples of whatever minerals they do find for it is quite possible that the moon is covered with manganese dioxide from which they could manufacture oxygen to sustain human life and make people immortal."

"But perhaps far more interesting than landing on the moon would be a trip itself," continued Professor Low.

"It should only take about four days for, after getting out of the earth's gravitational field, the space-ship would free-wheel for the rest of the 240,000 miles. The space-ship has to have a slight turning movement to replace the effect of gravity with a centrifugal force. Otherwise after taking a drink from a glass of water, the glass would remain in mid-air if you tried to replace it on the table."

Funny Effects

"Many funny effects of gravity would be experienced on the moon itself. For instance, dancing would become a nightmare; you could easily jump over a small house, drive a golf ball a mile or send a person more than a hundred yards with a blow of your fist."

"To say a trip to the moon is impossible is a classic example of prejudice," Prof. Low declared.

"Ninety years ago doctors said it would be fatal to the human heart to travel at more than 60 miles an hour; the Army said aircraft could never be used for military purposes; and the Admiralty said the introduction of steam would prove the downfall of the Royal Navy."

"Members of the British Inter-Planetary Society scoff at the suggestion that the danger during the initial trip will come from falling meteorites; simple calculation shows the danger is no greater than crossing Piccadilly circus."

"Who would not be prepared to take that risk to be able to say 'I flew to the moon and back'?" —Reuter.

Rendezvous With Head Of Guerillas

Salonica, Mar. 11.

A United States field team will set out from here tomorrow morning on a four-day journey into guerrilla-controlled territory to meet General Markos, the guerrilla leader, at a place so secret that none of the members will know its location.

General Markos, who is wanted by the Greek Government on a series of charges of looting and murder, will, it is thought, come half-way to meet the team somewhere in the mountain fastness of Western Macedonia.

Guerrilla couriers are expected to meet the team tomorrow outside the Government-controlled area, and conduct them to the exact rendezvous.

The Greek Government has refused to be represented on the team and has formally notified the Commission that a warrant has been issued for General Markos' arrest. —Reuter.

Brazil Browbeating Britain?

London, Mar. 11.

The Brazilian Government have been informed that the decision of the Bank of Brazil to cease buying sterling is regarded by the British Government as a contravention of existing arrangements and that they are requested to resume such purchases.

Mr. Hugh Dalton, Chancellor of the Exchequer, said this in the House of Commons today in reply to a question by the Conservative member, Colonel Croft, who was asking what representations had been made by the British Government to Brazil over the country's refusal to accept further sterling for payment of trade transactions.

Surly, he said, this was an attempt to browbeat the British Government over sterling balances.

Mr. Dalton replied: "If it is such an attempt, will not succeed. As matters stand, the last three days and was, thus, allowed time for a reply. —Reuter."



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The Treasurer's Comptroller Office will close at 11 a.m. and the Secretary's Office at 11.45 a.m. Both Offices at 1st floor, Exchange Building.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 27318).

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BRITAIN'S MANPOWER NEEDS Not Enough People To Do All The Things

That Need To Be Done Government Plans And Remedies

London, Mar. 11.

Mr. George Isaacs, Minister of Labour, told a sombre House of Commons today: "The fundamental fact is that Britain has not sufficient people to do all the things that need to be done and to produce all the goods that are required to be produced."

Mr. Isaacs spoke to a sparsely-filled House at the opening of the second day of the Labour Government's defence of its policies in Britain's worst economic crisis. Both Government and Opposition front benches, however, were filled when Mr. Isaacs rose.

He told the House that between V-J Day and February of this year, Britain had lost less than 4,500,000 man-days because of industrial disputes, compared with 41,500,000 man-days lost in the corresponding period after the last war.

The Minister dealt briefly with Government plans to increase Britain's labour strength, saying that 660,000 disabled persons now were employed; women were being encouraged to return to industry; workers were being asked to continue instead of retiring; and 80,000 Poles were registered in the Polish resettlement corps, with more than 60,000 registered for jobs.—United Press.

Good Spirit

London, Mar. 11.

Mr. Isaacs said that his daily contact with employers and trade unions had satisfied him that there was really a good spirit on both sides, and an anxious desire to come to the help of the country.

If the consequence of double shift working was some reduction of working hours, Britain's economic situation would be greatly worsened unless the output per man-hour was increased. Industry, he said, would do everything possible to avoid any unnecessary fall in output.

Mr. Isaacs said that the scheme for employment of displaced persons was now being extended to cover workers of both sexes for industrial work and domestic work in private houses and hospitals. It was hoped to handle some 4,000 of these weekly at transit camps now being established in London.

Mr. Isaacs said that he intended to discuss with football pool promoters what might be done by agreement and cooperation to limit the manpower they employ. Should this fail, he said, it might be necessary to take other steps.

Five-Day Week

Declaring that a coalminers' five-day week was expected to start in May, Mr. Isaacs said that a full five-day week was likely to be more profitable than the original six-day week. The Government wanted the mining industry to understand that the target of 200 million tons of coal this year was not the maximum, but the very minimum.

The outstanding shortage of labour was in the textile industry, where the chief bottleneck was in the cotton-spinning section and 88,000 more people were needed to bring this industry to pre-war strength. Earnings of women workers in the cotton industry now compared very favourably with women workers in other industries.

Sir John Anderson, the Opposition speaker, today said that it was a question of importing a substantial quantity of coal to establish stock which would put industry beyond the risk of sudden dislocation, he thought the Chancellor of the Exchequer should find the necessary foreign exchange.

"It need not be all gold dollars—it might be possible to get some coal from South Africa—but do it we must."

On nationalisation, Sir John said: "I venture to say that the Government will never succeed in doing what it is essential to do—convincing the public."

Planned To Shoot Headmaster

Stafford, Mar. 11.

"I will speak for the lot and tell the truth. We got fed up with school. We planned to shoot the Headmaster..."

Four boys—two of them 15 years of age and two 16—stood on tip-toe to peer over a Court dock today and hear the prosecution read this statement and charge them with the murder of an instructor in the reform school where they were inmates.

The statement was made by one of the four, 16-year-old Frank Gittings, when the boys were arrested on February 15 after the instructor was found shot in the school's bathroom.

Murder charges against six others arrested with them were dismissed, but the four pleaded guilty to conspiring to murder the school's headmaster and were returned to their cells for a later hearing.

On trial with Gittings were Gerald Cawley, 15; Henry Jacobs, 16; and William Smith, 15. Gittings said they had not intended to kill the instructor, Peter Fieldhouse, but only to tie him up. Before they shot the headmaster, Thomas Dawson, with rifles which they stole from the school armory.

"All In The Plot" The prosecution said Fieldhouse saw them with the guns and they killed him. When they escaped from the school, they were all in the plot and we were all as bad as one and other. Gittings said: "We did not intend to kill Mr. Peter."

Rome, Mar. 11.

The Council of Ministers published a decree today providing full sentences for persons leading fascist or monarchist organisations seeking to regain power in Italy and established the death sentence for persons "fomenting or causing civil war."—United Press.

Baghdad, Mar. 11.

The Iraq Cabinet led by General Nuri Said resigned today. The Regent has asked General Nuri to remain in office until a new cabinet can be formed.—Reuter.

Washington, Mar. 11.

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Meaning Of Word "Useful"

London, Mar. 11.

Mr. Hugh Dalton, Chancellor of the Exchequer, regards as "useful" the preliminary discussions that Britain has had with India, Egypt and Iraq for a settlement of sterling balances held by these countries.

He was replying to a question in the House of Commons as to whether the British Government regarded the results of the discussions as satisfactory.

Colonel Crosthwaite Eyre, Conservative, asked the Chancellor to explain the word "useful," seeing that all the countries concerned had said that negotiations had broken down? Could he give any assurance that the British Government was pursuing a tough policy and not just running from these obligations?

Mr. Dalton replied: "They have been useful in so far as holders of sterling balances have been made acquainted with the point of view of the British Government and of the course that reciprocal proposals has taken place, but there is now a period for reflection, and then formal negotiations will be started. The date for these, has not yet been fixed."—Reuter.

British Agent Was "So Nice To Me"

Venice, Mar. 11.

Field Marshal Albert Kesselring today told the British Tribunal trying him for war crimes that he wanted to shield Lt-Col. Alexander P. Scotland, British agent who once served in the German Army, from possible reprisals for "being so nice to me" in London.

His statement came during a one-hour argument over the translation of a single German participle, "erbetenen," variously interpreted as seeking or requesting.

The argument began when the prosecution said Kesselring had "asked" his sub-commanders for copies of their anti-partisan orders. The disputed word was used by Kesselring in a written statement to Lt-Col Scotland in London last year.

The Marshal denied the prosecution's assertion and said he had received from Col Scotland, not his subordinate commanders, all documents connected with his case.

"Colonel Scotland was so nice and had a feeling of such comradeship toward me that I did not wish to endanger him by one word," Kesselring said. "I had the feeling that, moved by friendship for me, he might have given me more documents for study than he was authorized to by higher authorities."

He said that because he feared the British agent, who had duped the Germans into admitting him into their East African colonial forces before the first World War, might have overstepped his authority in giving him the documents, he had asked Lt-Col Scotland before making references to each document.

"If you don't believe me, although I am here in the witness box under oath," he said, "and continue to question me on one nasty little word, I will have to ask Col Scotland."

Scotland was present, sitting at the prosecution table. Kesselring's first reference to him and his reluctance to discuss the contents of the text handed to him during his questioning in London brought the comment from C.L. Stirling, K.C., lay adviser to the Court, that "This is all meaningless to the Court."—United Press.

Modern merchant fleet. This is a matter that concerns not only our commerce and trade, but our national security as well.—Reuter.

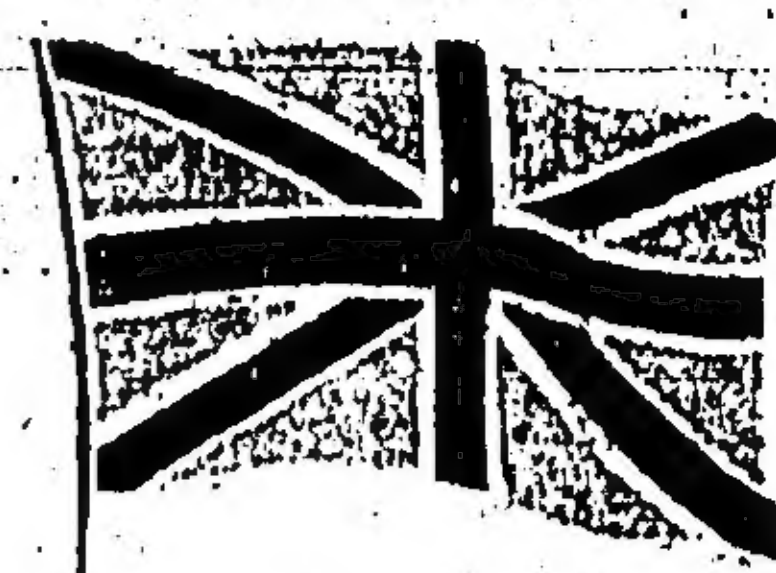
U.S. Merchant Marine

Washington, Mar. 11.

President Truman has appointed an advisory committee of six leading industrialists to recommend the number and types of merchant vessels which the United States should construct annually under the long-range programme.

In a letter to the committee chairman, M. K. T. Keller, President of the Chrysler Corporation, President Truman said the United States faced critical problems in connection with the construction, modernisation and maintenance of an adequate fleet of passenger and freight vessels.

The letter added: "The nation is not assured of the existence of a balanced and



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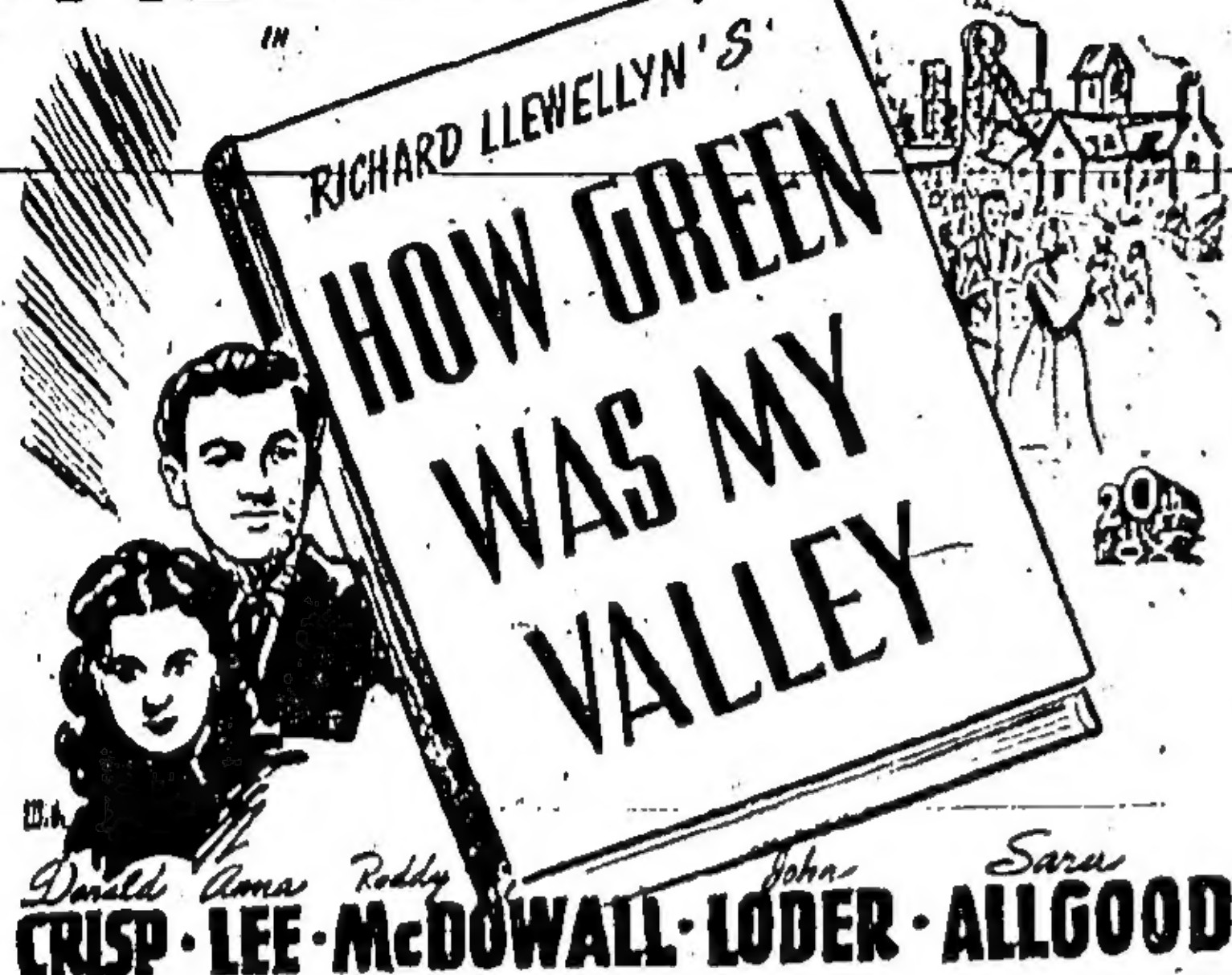
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NATIONS MUST SURRENDER SOVEREIGN RIGHTS

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Vatican City, Mar. 12.

On the eve of the eighth anniversary of his coronation, Pope Pius XII told Associated Press that the nations must surrender some of their sovereign rights if a just and lasting peace is to be achieved.

They should persuade the leaders of the nations of their obligation to each agreement insuring peace, he said. In the last year—the first entire year of the Pope's reign in which there was no declared warfare—there has been no marked improvement in the world's outlook for peace, he said.

The Pontiff was evidently preoccupied over the prospects for the Moscow conference of Foreign Ministers which opened last Monday. He nodded assent to comment that the circumstances of the conference's beginning did not augur well for solid achievements in the shaping of peace.

The frail friendly Pontiff, who 10 days ago celebrated his 71st birthday and eighth anniversary of his election as Pope, will commemorate on Wednesday at Thanksgiving services in the famed Elaine Chapel of the Apostolic Palace the anniversary of his accession to the throne of St. Peter.

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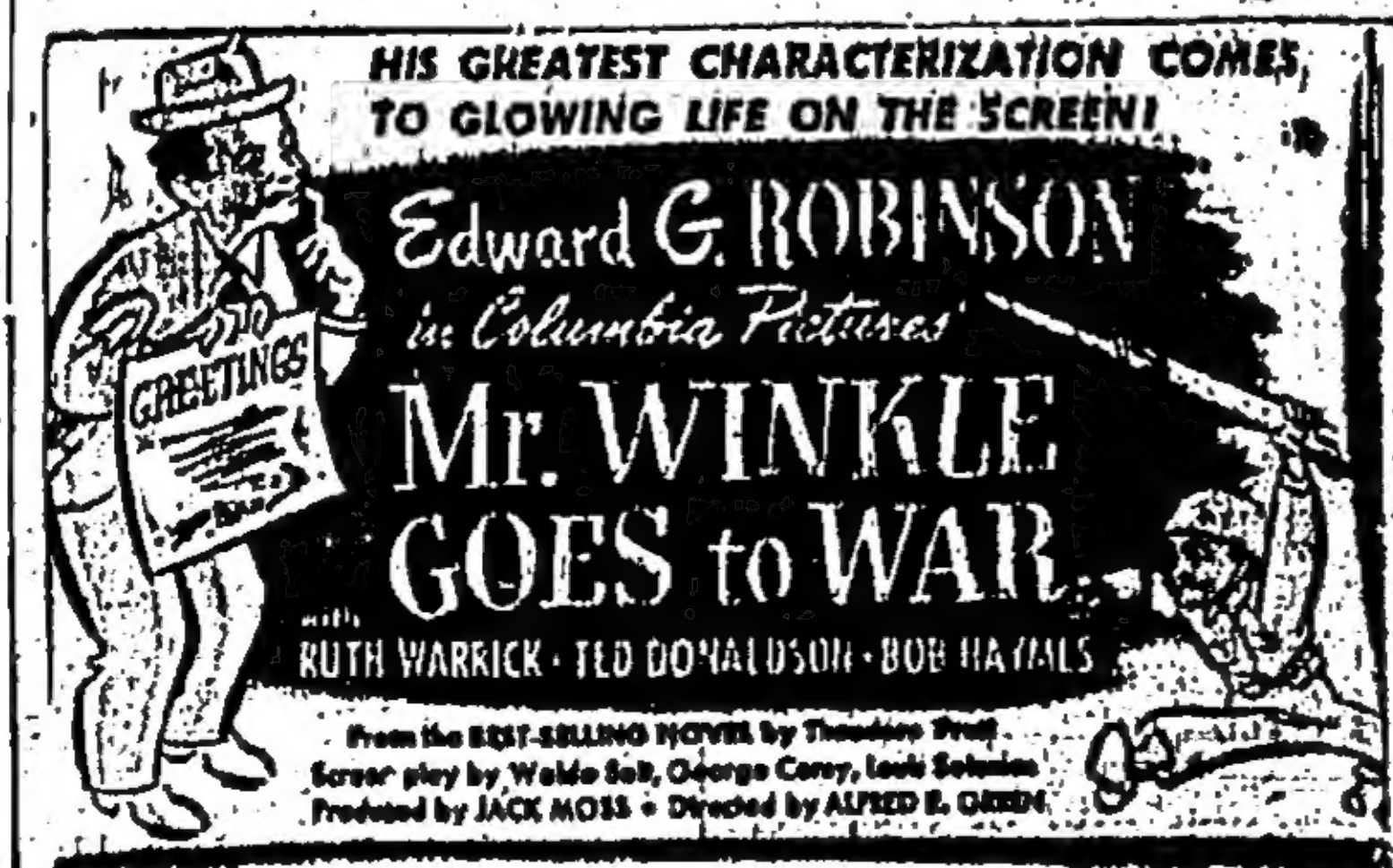
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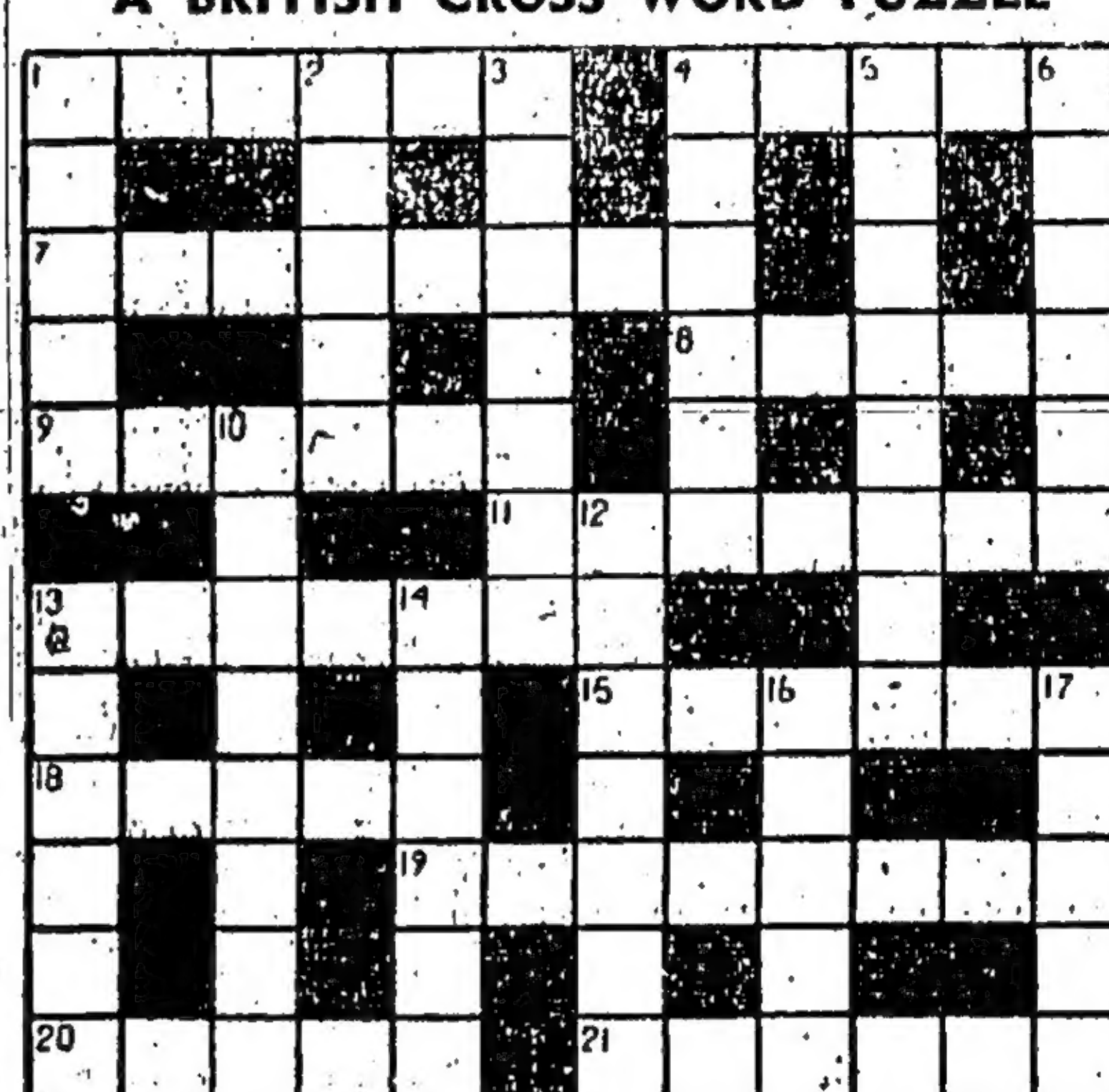
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Plymouth, Mar. 11.
The Rev. John Clarke's parish magazine is piling up a massive circulation today after he decided to pass along to its readers a racing tip.

Barred in the Personal Column this week is his choice to win the Grand National.
Many of his parishioners are backing his selection. Mr. Clarke himself has not bet since he lost \$2 on a horse 10 years ago.—United Press.

A BRITISH CROSS WORD PUZZLE

Clues Across
1. Soothe. 13. Drive back. 2. Perform. 13. Enjoy. 3. Pastors. 14. Instructive discourse. 4. Light wind. 5. Owned. 16. Stocking material. 6. Myth. 10. Pressman. 7. Produce. 12. Carries on.

Clues Down
1. Horrific. 2. Place. 5. Recent. 6. Cruel. 7. Shed. 13. Hard. 15. Open. 16. Eddy. 18. Inmate. 20. Rotted. 21. Ejects. 23. Irish. 24. Envy. 27. Mass. 28. Liberal. 29. Shear. 25. Talon.

Yesterday's Crossword
ACROSS:—1. Look. 4. Precise. 8. Role. 9. Edge. 10. Accused. 11. Mace. 12. Halo. 14. Enclose. 17. Alert. 19. Gried. 22. Discant. 28. Envy. 27. Mass. 28. Liberal. 29. Shear. 25. Talon.

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Grim Stories Of The Battle Of Hong Kong

The trial of Major-General Shoji Toshishige, one of three divisional commanders who led the Japanese attack on Hong Kong Island in December, 1941, continued before No. 5 War Crimes Court yesterday when two more witnesses from H.K.V.D.C. units were heard and the afternoon session was occupied with the reading of 15 affidavits from soldiers of the Winnipeg Grenadiers taken prisoner in the Wong-Nel-Chong area. These testified to a number of incidents in which prisoners were bayoneted.

Sergeant Thomas George Marsh, of the Winnipeg Grenadiers, testified by affidavit that the Japanese at the Hqs. post to which he was taken were "red of eye, frothing at the mouth and under the influence of some sort of dope." A statement was introduced into the records from Captain R. W. Philip, of the Winnipeg Grenadiers, to the effect that "the combatant Japanese troops to whom we surrendered (on Dec. 22) treated us very reasonably in the circumstances. We were handed over to second-line troops who proceeded to maltreat us." Capt. Philip said that the Japanese seemed to be intent on subjecting prisoners taken to a form of mental torture by lining them up and making preparations to shoot them.

Lt. G. J. White, of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, said that his platoon defended pill boxes No. 1 and 2 on the south slope of Jardine's Lookout. About 5 p.m. a Volunteer Private came in with a white flag bringing the information that the Japanese called upon them to surrender and promised to look after them if they came out with their hands raised.

"While going up the hill," White said, "we were fired on by Japanese snipers. A Chinese Corporal was struck on the left shoulder. He asked to be left in the pill box. We never heard of him again."

Over-Run
Pte. Cheung Shu-fing, of No. 3 Company, H.K.V.D.C., said that his position at Jardine's Lookout was overrun about noon on Dec. 19. He was in a party that withdrew toward the Company store. About 3.30 p.m. a Japanese NCO asked the post to surrender. When every one laid down his arms they were told to kneel and were beaten with helmets and bayonets and whatever the Japanese could find. He himself was hit over the head with a rifle-butt. He saw two men bayoneted and a Chinese lance-corporal knocked to the ground and trampled upon. Another Chinese private was so badly battered about the head that he went out of his mind.

Lieut. Col. John A. Bailey, of the Winnipeg Grenadiers, identified the signature of Capt. Philip on a letter produced by the Court as to his knowledge of the situation in the battle on Hong Kong Island, witness said that he was Company Commander of Company E2 of the

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12.35 p.m.—Sports to the Stars.
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1.40 p.m.—George Boulanger and His Orchestra.
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2.30 p.m.—STUDIO Children's Hour.
3.30 p.m.—STUDIO "Hospital Round"—Selections by Patricia in Hospital, Narrated by Joan Fraser.
7.00 p.m.—London Relay: World News from Britain.
7.10 p.m.—The Billie Billies.
7.20 p.m.—STUDIO: "See You" (Song).
7.30 p.m.—STUDIO: Ken Barrett at the Piano.
7.50 p.m.—STUDIO: Transcription Service "It's a Pleasure."
8.30 p.m.—STUDIO: "Record Review"—A Review of the Latest Records, Narrated by Robert Sloan.
9.00 p.m.—London Relay: News.
9.10 p.m.—STUDIO: Musical.
9.30 p.m.—STUDIO: Transcription Service "The Adventure of Jolly." "You'll be Surprised."
10.00 p.m.—Teles Interlude.
10.10 p.m.—The Victory Melodians.
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Jap Cloth Purchases

London, Mar. 12.
The Board of Trade said today a British buying mission to Washington would seek to purchase "rather less than 60,000,000 yards of unfinished Japanese cotton cloth from the United States Commercial Corporation for finishing in British textile mills."

The announcement said the goods would be re-exported to Empire territories, such as Burma and British East and West Africa, where textiles are scarce.

A spokesman said that payment may have to be made in dollars and may have to be based on American values, which are considerably higher than the prices of comparable Lancashire products, but the question will be negotiated.

Associated Press.

made it very hard to walk and we couldn't support the wounded

Groups Of Seven

"An Englishman behind me, who was wounded, said he couldn't make it, fell out and dropped. The Japanese cut his legs and took him into a ditch and bayoneted him. This is the only actual killing that I saw at that time, but I personally saw several bodies lying at the side of the road bayoneted to death."

Lt. Colonel Brudenbury deposed to having been taken prisoner at Jardine's Lookout, to which position his company had fallen back fighting a rear-guard action defending Tatum Dam with about 30 troops. While standing around in groups waiting to be rescued by the new Pte. Roy Land, who was about 30 yards off, remove a grenade from his pocket, draw the pin and throw the grenade at a group of seven Japanese soldiers.

The grenade exploded, killing at least four of the Japanese. The Japanese then rushed at Land and bayoneted him and three other Canadians. A Japanese officer was standing there. He gave no order to his men until after the four Grenadiers had been bayoneted. He then ordered his men to march off the rest of the party.

"A Chance"

Grenadier S.G. Renton deposed by affidavit that as far as he understood it, the Japanese intended to kill a group of Canadians confined to a small hut when a German officer came to the door and told the Japanese guard to give us a chance, whereupon the Japanese gave us a beating by hitting us about the head and body with shovels, sticks, rifle butts and anything they could get their hands on.

One Canadian, when the group was being marched out, complained of a pain near his heart and told the Japanese guard he could not walk any further. The Japanese took him out of the ranks and he was not heard of again.

Corporal Sydney Hiscox deposed by affidavit to having witnessed the bayoneting of 12 Hong Kong Volunteers and three soldiers of the Middlesex Regiment.

A Canadian, Pte. Marcel Robidoux, had also been bayoneted but not killed when a Japanese lieutenant appeared on the scene.

Robidoux deposed that the Japanese had not arrived at the time he did, the Canadians would have likewise been bayoneted, Hiscox deposed.

Officer's Story

A statement from Capt. R. W. Philip, of the Winnipeg Grenadiers, was also introduced into the court record. Capt. Philip stated:

"We surrendered about 7 a.m. on the morning of December 22, 1941, having run out of ammunition. The combatant Japanese troops to whom we surrendered treated us very reasonably in the circumstances. All the troops were tied together and left until dusk of the 22nd at which time we were turned over to second-line troops, who proceeded to maltreat the troops, adding wire to tighten their bonds."

"They moved us all to a post-camp at Jardine's Lookout from Wong-Nel-Chong; any man who was unable to continue was bayoneted. Later all the men were forced to kneel down. Their shoes were removed. They were lined up and everything they had was taken from them."

"Everyone was lined up against a cut-bank on the road and the Japanese with light automatics and rifles made all preparations as if they were going to shoot us. On two other occasions the same procedure was gone through. It was evidently used as a form of mental torture."

Hearing continues this morning.

"BRUTE ANIMALS"

Chicago, Mar. 11.
Rev. Francis J. Connell of the Catholic University of America told a convention of the National Catholic Conference on Family Life that "Unless there is drastic reform in the American attitude toward married life and its obligations, we shall soon be held here a well-nigh universal practice of sex customs quite similar to those of brute animals. Nowadays we see an utterly pagan, materialistic spirit prevailing regarding all that pertains to marriage."—United Press.

India Nears Flare-Up

New Delhi, Mar. 12.
Serious trouble is reported from several points along the northwestern frontier and curfew has been imposed at Peshawar, Haripur, Havelian, Muzaffargarh, Abbottabad, Baffa and Shinkara, a New Delhi communiqué disclosed today.

Troops opened fire on a crowd blocking the railway track near Cunningham Park in Peshawar, on Sunday after four hours of persuasion failed to budge the squatters.

One was killed and ten seriously injured.

Seventeen stabbings were reported today of which three were fatal.—United Press.

Nanking Promises Reforms

Nanking, Mar. 12.
Reforms in Taiwan (Formosa) will be carried out by the Chinese Government to remove the causes for rioting, which has been sweeping the island, but the "abusive requests" made by the Taiwanese for the removal of Government troops and recruiting an anti-Taiwanese army will not be granted, the Minister of Information, Mr. Peng Hsueh-pei, announced at a press conference today.

The Minister added that he was unable to aid newspaper correspondents in visiting Taiwan because the Taiwanese Government personnel were very busy and would not be able to care for them.

However, this does not constitute a ban and correspondents who are able to reach the island without the Ministry of Information's assistance may do so.—Reuter.

Washington, Mar. 12.
Acting Secretary of State Dean Acheson today ordered formal investigation into the FBI search of League office here in a raid which Mr. Acheson insists was

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Limitation Of Mid-Week Sports "Requested"

American "Parity" In Philippines

(By Spencer Davis)

Manila, Mar. 12.

The Filipinos voted by an overwhelming margin yesterday to sacrifice some economic independence for the next 27 years in return for millions of American rehabilitation dollars.

Supporting President Manuel A. Roxas, at whom a would-be assassin threw a hand-grenade as the campaign ended, they approved by about a three to one margin and the constitutional amendment to give the United States equal trading rights until 1974.

But opponents saw in the heavy stay-away from the vote a form of "silent rebuke."

Only an estimated 4,008 of the 3,000,000 voted, with such men as former President Osmeña abstaining.

A Roxas administration follower observed, however, that the vote, aptly "always was evident in a landslide."

Election day was orderly in war-ravaged Manila with only one arrest reported.—Associated Press.

Paraguyan Revolt

Asuncion, Mar. 12.

The Government dispatched two detachments of troops to Concepcion, on Tuesday, and ordered them to open "immediate battle" with "seditionists."

Rebellious troops of the First Division garrisoned at Concepcion alleged to be inspired by Febrerista (Opposition) Party members and communists, are reported to have taken steps to prevent the civil population from fleeing the city.

The Government on Monday night threatened to bomb the city and urged the population to seek safety but the action of the rebels makes it impossible for the Government to carry out its threat.—Associated Press.

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SOCCER THREAT

London, Mar. 11.

The Football League and Players' Union officials were today awaiting a move by the Ministry of Labour to intervene in the strike of professional players threatened for March 21.

Mr. James Fay, the Players' Union secretary, said: "The men made it clear at a special delegate meeting in Manchester yesterday that they will be satisfied only if their four demands are met."—Reuter.

Tennis Tourney

Although yesterday's tennis games in the Open Singles provided closer games, no match has yet been decided in the third set.

Au Kam-moon did well to extend Tsui Yan-pui and only lost 6-3, 6-4, but the other games were short lived affairs.

Yesterday's results were:—

Paul Kong beat Lt. Emmett 6-1, 6-1.

Tsui Yan-pui beat Au Kam-moon 6-3, 6-4.

Lee Wai-long beat Lt. Roberts 6-1.

B. C. Fay beat B. Poon 6-2, 6-0.

The following is today's programme:—

M. Ma v. K. Lo.

Wong Suk-ki v. G. Chon.

Wong Hoi-nang v. R. Liang.

Patrick Poon v. B. C. Fay.

H. D. Rumball v. T. F. Choy.

FRIDAY, MARCH 14.

Tsui Wai-pui v. Barnett Deakin.

T. Lo v. M. Pagh.

J. A. Furrer v. B. Szeto.

Yip Koon-hong v. Lt. Wilson.

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The Government today requested secretaries of British football associations not to hold mid-week sports until the end of the present season. Delegates of horseracing and greyhound racing were also summoned to the Home Office. Representatives of the Jockey Club and the National Hunt Committee attended a later session of talks which ended four hours after they had started. The last visitors to leave the Home Office included Lord Rosebery, representing the Jockey Club, but he refused to comment.

An official statement issued later said: "The Home Secretary and the Secretary of State for Scotland and the Minister of Fuel and Power received a deputation from the Stewards of the Jockey Club and of the National Hunt Committee to discuss the limitation of mid-week sports in the interests of national production."

"A frank discussion took place, at which it was agreed that the Stewards would review the important mid-week fixtures in the light of the proceedings at the conference."

"It is announced for general information that the Lincoln and Liverpool meetings will be held as arranged, except that the Grand National will be run on Saturday, March 29, instead of Friday, March 28."

Following the announcement that the Grand National date had been changed, it is learned that the Derby is likely to be run on Saturday, June 7, instead of Wednesday, June 4, but that the Oaks will probably still run on Friday.

Other events which can be classed as important mid-week fixtures for which the Saturday may have to be found include the Thousand Guineas, Two Thousand Guineas, St Leger, Cambridgeshire and Cesarewitch.

Fixtures Altered

The transfer of these races to the week-end will mean a

substantial alteration in the fixture list as none of the meetings at which they are held has a Saturday date at present. For example, the Epsom meeting begins on Tuesday and ends on Friday.

It is unlikely that the Royal Ascot meeting will be altered for although there are important races each day of this meeting, which lasts from Tuesday to Friday, June 17 to 20, they do not attract the huge crowds associated with the Derby and St. Leger.—Reuter.

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